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QUARTERLY FLAX MARKET REVIEW

U. S. FLAXSEED CRUSHINGS WELL ABOVE OTHER RECENT YEARS AUG 23 1944

With continued brisk demand for linseed oil, flaxseed crushings in the United States during the third quarter of the 1940-41 crop year were almost 50 percent larger than the corresponding three months last season and well above other recent years, according to the Federal-State Market News Service. Crushings January through March amounted to 10,228,000 bushels, bringing the season's total since July 1st up to 27,254,000 bushels. This compares with 23,442,000 bushels during July through March last season and 19,361,000 bushels two years back.

Crushings again were largely of domestic flaxseed. Imports increased moderately compared with earlier in the season but were well below the similar quarter in other recent years. Imports placed at 3,990,000 bushels brought the season's total since July 1st up to 7,863,000 bushels or about 2,200,000 bushels less than July through March last year and about 6,500,000 bushels less than two years back.

Reflecting the increased crushings and reduced imports of foreign seed, the near-record supplies of domestic flaxseed this season have disappeared at the most rapid rate in recent years. Supplies of flaxseed remaining at April 1st were placed at 13,793,000 bushels or almost twice those of a year ago. However, a comparison of April 1st stocks with total supplies of 35,038,000 bushels at the beginning of the season points to a disappearance of 21,245,000 bushels during July through March. This compares with 15,282,000 bushels during the corresponding nine months last year and 6,349,000 bushels two years back.

Movement of linseed oil continued relatively heavy during the third quarter and was placed at 157,266,000 pounds. Exports remained light and totaled only 1,347,000 pounds but factory consumption increased to 106,787,000 pounds and other domestic disappearance was the largest in recent years and totaled 49,132,000 pounds. Distribution during the third quarter brought the total for the first nine months of the 1940-41 crop year up to 463,911,000 pounds or about 56,000,000 more than the corresponding three quarters last season and about 103,000,000 pounds more than during July, 1938 through March, 1939.

TABLE 1. FLAXSEED: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year Average 1926-27 1930-31	5-Year Average 1931-32 1935-36	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	Prelim- inary 1940-41
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Factory stocks, July 1	3,033	1,279	2,484	1,472	1,958	3,148
Market stocks, July 1	879	731	630	552	285	665
Farm stocks, July 1	643	426	225	175	53	98
Total carry-over, July 1	4,555	2,436	3,339	2,199	2,296	3,911
United States production	20,084	10,070	7,089	8,152	20,152	31,127
Total supply	24,639	12,506	10,428	10,351	22,448	35,038
Seed requirements	1,787	1,186	588	1,360	1,898	*1,859
Domestic commercial supply	22,852	11,320	9,840	8,991	20,550	33,179
Imports, July-September	3,269	3,712	5,325	3,561	3,086	1,312
Supply for quarter	26,121	15,032	15,165	12,552	23,636	34,491
Crushings, July-September	8,472	5,543	7,666	5,043	6,814	6,943
Supplies remaining, October 1	17,649	9,489	7,499	7,509	16,822	27,548
Imports, October-December	4,292	3,453	5,153	4,420	2,179	2,566
Supply for quarter	21,941	12,942	12,652	11,929	19,001	30,114
Crushings, October-December	10,463	6,344	7,754	7,206	8,736	10,083
Supplies remaining, January 1	11,478	6,598	4,898	4,723	10,265	20,031
Imports, January-March	5,127	3,403	4,719	6,391	4,793	3,990
Supply for quarter	16,605	10,001	9,617	11,114	15,058	24,021
Crushings, January-March	9,659	5,552	6,461	7,112	7,892	10,228
Supply remaining, April 1	6,946	4,449	3,156	4,002	7,166	13,793
Imports, April-June	5,971	3,169	2,664	4,372	3,154	
Supply for quarter	12,917	7,618	5,820	8,374	10,320	
Crushings, April-June	8,602	4,823	3,989	6,207	6,637	
Supplies remaining, or unaccounted for, June 30	4,315	2,790	1,831	2,167	3,683	
Split-up stocks, June 30:						
Factory and warehouse	2,731	1,484	1,472	1,958	3,148	
In terminal markets	779	719	552	285	665	
On farms	599	402	175	53	98	
Unaccounted for	206	185	368	129	228	

Compiled from official data of the Agricultural Marketing Service and the United States Department of Commerce. (*) Preliminary.

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TABLE 2, LINSEED OIL: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year Average 1931-32 1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Factory and warehouse stocks, July 1	102,998	140,754	142,462	145,932	130,250	132,881
Production, July-September	104,965	91,805	151,278	98,407	134,326	135,389
Imports, July-September	1,201	170	53	16	12	1
Total supply for quarter	209,164	232,729	293,793	244,355	264,588	268,271
Exports, July-September	240	353	256	395	418	1,119
Factory consumption, July-September	65,627	79,702	93,627	80,702	88,308	101,652
Other domestic disappearance	39,237	53,023	57,005	50,212	63,233	50,365
Total disappearance, July-September	105,104	133,078	150,883	131,309	151,959	153,136
Factory and warehouse stocks, Oct. 1	104,060	99,651	142,905	113,046	112,629	115,135
Production, October-December	120,446	131,899	150,432	139,106	166,150	192,185
Imports, October-December	1,085	32	98	16	6	9
Total supply for quarter	225,591	231,582	293,435	252,168	278,785	307,329
Exports, October-December	217	195	183	113	1,841	1,359
Factory consumption, October-December	57,497	73,102	67,411	72,332	88,287	100,837
Other domestic disappearance	29,030	35,935	34,358	37,920	46,200	51,313
Total disappearance, Oct.-December	86,744	114,282	101,952	110,365	136,328	153,509
Factory and warehouse stocks, Jan. 1	138,847	117,300	191,483	141,803	142,457	153,820
Production, January-March	104,158	156,877	125,587	139,209	150,197	196,281
Imports, January-March	242	51	50	12	---	15
Total supply for quarter	243,247	274,228	317,120	281,024	292,654	350,116
Exports, January-March	229	278	152	172	1,180	1,347
Factory consumption, January-March	57,112	95,809	63,358	76,511	85,511	106,787
Other domestic disappearance	29,782	40,058	30,481	42,954	32,763	49,132
Total disappearance, January-March	87,123	136,145	94,001	119,637	119,454	157,266
Factory and warehouse stocks, April 1	156,124	138,083	223,119	161,387	173,200	192,850
Production, April-June	92,284	206,512	77,513	124,823	128,383	
Imports, April-June	466	200	41	19	1	
Total supply for quarter	248,874	344,795	300,673	286,229	301,584	
Exports, April-June	147	270	220	135	1,112	
Factory consumption, April-June	77,090	118,373	82,089	91,869	98,977	
Other domestic disappearance	56,129	83,690	72,432	63,975	68,614	
Total disappearance, April-June 30	133,366	202,333	154,741	155,979	168,703	
Factory and warehouse stocks, June 30	115,508	142,462	145,932	130,250	132,881	

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